

Costs and Benefits of Human-Animal Interactions in Rural Children



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Center for Demography and Health (CIDS) at the Autonomous National University of Nicaragua in León (UNAN-León)
Centro Veterinario de Diagnóstico e Investigación (CEVEDI)
Ministerio de Salud (MINSa)

How you can get involved:

- Funding to support student travel
- Funding to support student research projects

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Purpose

We aim to develop a survey tool and accompanying research methodology that can be used across cultures and species to both quantify and differentiate aspects of human-animal interactions. Those aspects include: opportunities to share pathogens or commensals, health care activities, providing food, other economic services, entertainment and exercise, and social and emotional support. We will test this tool in rural Nicaragua in Summer 2017.

Impact

Published survey tool and associated research methodology

Scientific manuscript about human-animal interaction in rural Nicaragua submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal

Collaborative proposals submitted with new collaborators in Nicaragua



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